ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held at 10:00 a.m. at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Chairman William Berry, Commissioners Patricia Beauvais, Kathy Byrne, Michael LaPidus, Allan Monat, Benjamin Reyes, Hugh Scates and Roger Whalen. Staff members Marc Laino, Katherine Laurent, Bob Lang, Mickey Ezzo and Domenic DiCera were also present.

ORGANIZATION LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Reyes moved to approve a request submitted by Hawthorne Race Course to approve Placing/Patrol Judge Ron Uchman as a racing official. Commissioner Whalen seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner LaPidus moved to approve a request submitted by Hawthorne Race Course to vacate live racing on October 3 and 4, 2012. Commissioner Byrne seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD ITEMS

Allocation of 2013 Race Dates.

The following persons testified on behalf of the applicants:
Maywood Park and Balmoral Park – William Johnston, III
Fairmount Park – Brian Zander
Hawthorne Race Course – Tim Carey, Robert Molaro, and Jeff Kras
Arlington Park – Tony Petrillo, Shawn Wood, and Andrew Richmond, CPA, Cornerstone Research

The following persons testified on behalf of the horsemen's organizations:
Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association – David McCaffrey
Illinois HBPA – Lanny Brooks
Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association – Michael Campbell and Glen Berman

Kevin Flannery testified on behalf of Churchill Downs Racetrack regarding the new Kentucky Derby point system.

Motion by Chairman Berry to approve the following racing schedule for 2013. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion.

<u>Fairmount Park</u> – 69 live programs

- Live racing March 26th through April 30th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings;
  May 1st through August 24th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday and Saturday evenings; and August 25th
  through September 20th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings.

<u>Arlington Park</u> – 89 live programs and 95 dark host programs for a total of 184

Dark host period - January 1st through January 31st

- Live racing May 1st through June 30th
  Racing 4 days per week, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays except live racing on May 27th.
  Dark on May 1st.

- Live racing July 1st through September 30th
  Racing 4 days per week, Thursdays through Sundays except live racing on September 2nd.

<u>Hawthorne Race Course</u> – 101 live programs and 80 dark host programs for a total of 181

Dark host period – February 1st through February 14th

- Live racing February 15th through February 28th on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

- Live racing March 1st through April 30th
  Racing 4 days per week on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark on Easter Sunday,
  March 31st.

- Live racing October 1st through December 31st
  Racing 5 days per week, Wednesdays through Sundays, dark October 2nd and 3rd, Thanksgiving,
  November 22nd and Christmas.

<u>Balmoral Park</u> – 150 live programs and 113 dark host programs for a total of 263

- Live racing January 2nd through February 2nd
  Racing 3 nights per week on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

- Live racing February 13th through December 29th
  Racing 3 nights per week on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, dark on Easter Sunday, March 31st
  and Christmas.

<u>Maywood Park</u> – 101 live programs and 1 dark host program for a total of 102

- Live racing January 3rd through February 1st
  Racing 2 nights per week on Thursdays and Fridays.

- Live racing February 14th through December 27th
  Racing 2 nights per week on Thursdays and Fridays, dark on Thanksgiving, November 28th.

The motion failed by a vote of 4 to 4. Commissioners Beauvias, Byrne, LaPidus and Monat voted against the
motion.

Motion by Commissioner Byrne to approve the following racing schedule for 2013. Commissioner Monat seconded the motion. The motion includes the conditions stated in Chairman Berry's failed motion.

Fairmount Park – 69 live programs

- Live racing March 26th through April 30th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings; May 1st through August 24th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday and Saturday evenings; and August 25th through September 20th on Tuesday afternoons and Friday evenings.

Arlington Park – 89 live programs and 90 dark host programs for a total of 179

Dark host period - January 1st through January 26th

- Live racing May 1st through June 30th
  Racing 4 days per week, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays except live racing on May 27th. Dark on May 1st.

- Live racing July 1st through September 30th
  Racing 4 days per week, Thursdays through Sundays except live racing on September 2nd.

Hawthorne Race Course – 101 live programs and 85 dark host programs for a total of 186

Dark host period – January 27th through February 14th

- Live racing February 15th through February 28th on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

- Live racing March 1st through April 30th
  Racing 4 days per week on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Dark on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

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The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 2. Chairman Berry and Commissioner Reyes voted against the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Monat moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2012 Board meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 6:00 p.m., Commissioner Monat motioned for adjournment. Chairman Berry seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Laino
Executive Director